

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF FORT MILL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
August 12, 2013  
7:00 PM**

Present: Councilmen Huntley, Blythe, Helms, Adams, Mayor Funderburk, Manager Pieper, Attorney Mack, Clerk Beachum

Absent: Councilman Spratt, Councilwoman Savage

Guests: Interim Fire Chief Jerry Chapman, Patty Mercer, Events & Media Coordinator Kimberly Starnes, David Ward, Jr., Engineering Director Paul Mitchell, Public Works Director Davy Broom, Dana Boutwell, Detective Bryan Zachary-Fort Mill PD, Marty Taylor-Buildings & Codes, Claude Mabry, Melanie Kauffman, Planning Director Joe Cronin

Mayor Funderburk called the meeting to order at 7pm with Councilman Adams giving the invocation. Mayor Funderburk led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone. Councilman Huntley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013 and July 22, 2013 meetings as submitted, with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **Public Hearing of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article II, Requirements by district; Section 9, HC Highway Commercial District; so as to amend the maximum building height in certain areas of the town zoned Highway Commercial:** Mayor Funderburk opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Councilman Huntley advocated for maps of potential annexation to be published on the Town's Channel 19, and more information for tv viewers regarding public hearing items.
2. **Public Hearing of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article VI, Administration, Enforcement, Penalties and Fees; Section 1, Zoning Administration Officer; so as to re-title and amend the contents of the section to Administrative and Decision Making Bodies; Article VII, Board of Zoning Appeals; so as to amend the article to correspond with the amended provisions of Article VI, Section 1(D); and Article II, Requirements by Districts; Section 11; Historic Preservation District; so as to amend the article to correspond with the amended provisions of Article VI, Section 1(E):** There were no speakers.
3. **Public Hearing of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article III, Signs; Section 19; Electronic Signs; so as to amend the requirements under which electronic changeable copy signs may be permitted:** Mr. Claude Mabry spoke in favor of the request, which would benefit the Fort Mill Church of God; and as Mr. Mabry noted, their sign would not affect surrounding neighbors. Mayor Funderburk thanked him for his comments, and closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

1. **Presentation by Dana Boutwell, Mrs. SC Strawberry Festival 2013:** Mrs. Boutwell spoke about how September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month and their color is gold. She would like to place gold ribbons along Main Street to draw awareness for the month of September. She also presented a slideshow highlighting children with cancer in the area, and stated her platform is "Cookies for Kids Cancers". She thanked Mayor Funderburk and Council for their time and support.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Second Reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article II, Requirements by district; Section 9, HC Highway Commercial District; so as to amend the maximum building height in certain areas of the town zoned Highway Commercial:** Councilman Adams made a motion to approve with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.
2. **Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article VI, Administration, Enforcement, Penalties and Fees; Section 1, Zoning Administration Officer; so as to re-title and amend the contents of the section to Administrative and Decision Making Bodies; Article VII, Board of Zoning Appeals; so as to amend the article to correspond with the amended provisions of Article VI, Section 1(D); and Article II, Requirements by Districts; Section 11; Historic Preservation District; so as to amend the article to correspond with the amended provisions of Article VI, Section 1(E):** Councilman Helms made a motion to approve with a second by Councilman Blythe. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **First Reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Fort Mill; Article III, Signs; Section 19; Electronic Signs; so as to amend the requirements under which electronic changeable copy signs may be permitted:** Councilman Adams made a motion to approve as first reading with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. **Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements in Relation to Municipal Court Services:** Councilman Adams made a motion to move into Executive Session with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

Town Council reconvened at 7:30pm with Mayor Funderburk reporting no action or votes were taken in Executive Session. Councilman Adams made a motion to terminate one of the judicial contracts with York County with a second by Councilman Helms. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Funderburk thanked staff for a good movie night; gave congratulations to Carolina Crown for winning the Drum Corp International World Class Championship; and he praised Scott Williams with the Fort Mill Police Department for his assistance in working with a citizen.

Councilman Adams thanked Mrs. Boutwell for the presentation and stated the farmers market is nice.

Councilman Huntley agreed the farmers market is nice, and after he enumerated a list of the vendors he encouraged everyone to attend.

Manager Pieper recognized Permits & Licensing Clerk Lynne Elting for achieving Business License Accreditation.

There being no further business, Councilman Helms made a motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Adams. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Beachum  
Town Clerk

Dennis Pieper  
Town Manager